

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors (draft and unapproved)

March 4, 2010

Location: New Leaf Venture Partners, 7 Times Square, New York, NY 10036

The following directors were present and constituted the quorum: Kenneth Bonamo, Julie Chan, Karen Chang-Wu, Rishona Fleischman, Shari Gruber, Gerald P. Halpern, David Herszenhorn (by phone), Selina Lee, Jordan Leeds, Tanya M. Odom and Vincent Yuen.

Gerald P. Halpern acted as the Secretary of the meeting.

- I. Craig Slutzkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and welcomed the directors.
- II. Mr. Slutzkin asked the directors to review the minutes from the December 16, 2009 meeting. Gerald Halpern moved that the reading of the minutes be waived. The motion was seconded by Vincent Yuen and the minutes as corrected were unanimously approved.
- III. Executive Committee Report. Tanya Odom and Mr. Slutzkin presented the Executive Committee report which was included in the Board Package and discussed certain highlights.
 - a. Ms. Odom especially commended the committee working on the “25 at 25” events, including an event for children of alumni, and an event recognizing 25 alumni of the reopened school who have made significant contributions to the school or public achievements. There were over 400 responses from alumni to a survey as to what kinds of events they would like “25 at 25” to include.
 - b. Ms. Odom said that Dr. Largmann would like an event, possibly a dinner, to attract former and current teachers at the school who were on the faculty at the birth of the new school. Ms. Odom emphasized that the theme of “25 at 25” would be threaded through all the school-related events during the year. Principal Ken Bonamo spoke of an event at the school on June 12th for students.
 - c. Vincent Yuen reported on plans for reunions of several classes to be held in June. The various class members preferred separate reunions by class rather than combined class events.
 - d. Mr. Slutzkin reported that the Board of Directors’ Directors and Officers insurance policy was received at no increase in the premium.
 - e. Ms. Odom and Mr. Slutzkin addressed the need to plan for succession to the positions of president or co-presidents and other leadership of the Association, as well as the need to restructure and expand the Executive Committee. It is essential, they said, to bring additional alumni into active participation particularly in view of the expanded scope of Association activities. Mr. Halpern raised the question of improved paid staffing.
- IV. Events Committee Report. Mr. Yuen reported for the Events Committee.
 - a. The Business Professionals gathering was a great success. It was suggested that an event be planned around a THHS author as guest speaker.

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- IV. Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Mr. Slutzkin presented the Treasurer's Report.
 - b. Ms. Odom moved and Julie Chan seconded acceptance of the report. The motion was unanimously.

- V. School Report: Delivered by Principal Ken Bonamo.
 - a. The school held a special gathering for prospective students to inform them about the school, similar to the information sessions held by the special-exam high schools; there has been an increase in the number of students who have accepted invitations to attend Harris – about one-third of invited students now accept and attend.
 - b. David Herszenhorn raised a question about the admissions procedure.
 - c. Mr. Bonamo continued with a discussion of the Advanced Placement English Literature exam which he had urged about 60 students to take, and who did well. This should improve the ranking of Harris in any measurement based on AP participation and scores.
 - d. The college mentoring program was very successful, with recent Harris graduates meeting students at the colleges visited. The program is ongoing. He spoke about a possible on-line consolidated research program among the principals of various high schools which could be a good asset. Mr. Bonamo discussed a special effort at the school, and at PTA meetings, to provide non-English language interpreters and encourage diversity. The interpreters are provided by the Department of Education.
 - e. He mentioned that Harris students have submitted 28 projects for inclusion in the New York Science & Engineering School Fair, a large number.

- VI. PTA report.
 - a. Jordan Leeds, the PTA representative, discussed the current year's PTA leadership accomplishments and the prospect of a successful co-presidency for next year.
 - b. The task of revisiting the by-laws to bring them into compliance with the Chancellor's regulations is on-going.
 - c. Mr. Halpern volunteered to assist if desired.

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VII. Other Business.

- a. Rishona Fleishman spoke further about the College Mentorship Program. Starting April 7, alumni at various colleges, and current students, will be contacted to help navigate through the college decision-making process.
- b. Shari Gruber then spoke about a Harris alum. Kena Richardson, Class of 1995, died in January. She was a pediatrician who was close to several of her classmates who want to establish a memorial at the school. Her younger sister also went to Harris. The memorial will probably focus on enhancing mutual health.

There being no other business the Board adjourned at 9:15 P.M. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 19, 2010 at 7 P.M. at New Leaf Venture Partners.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald P. Halpern